

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Withdrawn): A method of broadcasting a series of television programmes, the method comprising repeatedly broadcasting a group of programmes in the series and, after a period, repeatedly broadcasting a subsequent group of programmes in the series instead of the previous group of programmes, wherein the subsequent group of programmes includes at least one programme later in the series than the programmes in the previously broadcast group, and continuing in the same way in order to broadcast all of the programmes in the series.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein repeatedly broadcasting the group (or subsequent group) of programmes comprises broadcasting the programme in a single channel or audiovisual data stream.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein repeatedly broadcasting the group (or subsequent group) of programmes comprises broadcasting the programmes in the group one after the other.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein repeatedly broadcasting the group (or subsequent group) of programmes comprises broadcasting the programmes only one at a time.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the period is long enough for the programmes in the groups to be broadcast more than once.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the programmes are broadcast circularly.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein each group of programmes includes all but the earliest one of the programmes in the preceding group of programmes and/or all but the latest one of the programmes in the succeeding group of programmes.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 1, wherein the groups of programmes are broadcast only during intervals.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting a television programme including interactive content, the method comprising ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting over a television network a stream of audiovisual data for display by a receiver and ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting over the television network a separate stream of interactive content data for storage at the receiver, wherein the stream of audiovisual data includes codes in response to the receipt of which the receiver is intended to include the stored interactive content data in the display of the audiovisual data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method of receiving a television programme including interactive content, the method comprising receiving over a television network a broadcast stream of audiovisual data for display and receiving over the television network a separate broadcast stream of interactive content data, storing the interactive content data and responding to codes in the stream of audiovisual data to include the stored interactive content data in the display of the audiovisual data.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the interactive content is included in the display of the audiovisual data by overlaying it on the displayed audiovisual data.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the displayed interactive content is varied in response to further codes included in the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the codes are transmitted a Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) of the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the codes are transmitted in a page of TeletextTM.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the codes are transmitted in TeletextTM page 7AA.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): An apparatus for broadcasting a series of television programmes, the apparatus comprising: a transmitter for repeatedly broadcasting a group of programmes in the series and, after a given period, repeatedly broadcasting a subsequent group of programmes in the series instead of the previous group of programmes; and a controller for including in the subsequent group of programmes at least one programme later in the series than the programmes in the previously broadcast group, wherein the transmitter and controller continue in the same way in order to broadcast all the programmes in the series.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter repeatedly broadcast the programmes in the group (or subsequent group) in a single channel or audiovisual data stream.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter repeatedly broadcasts the programmes in the group (or subsequent group) one after the other.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter repeatedly broadcasts the programmes in the group (or subsequent group) only one at a time.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the period is long enough for the programmes in the groups to be broadcast more than once.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter broadcasts the programmes circularly.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein each group of programmes includes all but the earliest one of the programmes in the preceding group of programmes and/or all but the latest one of the programmes in the succeeding group of programmes.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the transmitter broadcasts the groups of programmes only during intervals.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting a television programme including interactive content, the apparatus comprising a transmitter for ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting over a television network a stream of audiovisual data for display by a receiver and ~~transmitting~~ broadcasting over the television network a separate stream of interactive content data for storage at the receiver, and an encoder for including codes in the stream of audiovisual data ~~includes~~, in response to the receipt of which codes the receiver is intended to include the stored interactive content data in the display of the audiovisual data.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for receiving a television programme including interactive content, the apparatus comprising a receiver for receiving over a television network a broadcast stream of audiovisual data for display and receiving over the television network a separate broadcast stream of interactive content data, a memory for storing the interactive content data and a decoder for responding to codes in the audiovisual data to include the stored interactive content data in the display of the audiovisual data.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the receiver includes the interactive content in the display of the audiovisual data by overlaying it on the displayed audiovisual data.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the decoder varies the displayed interactive content in response to further codes in the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the encoder includes the codes in a Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) or the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the encoder includes the codes in a page of TeletextTM.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the encoder includes the codes in TeletextTM page 7AA.

Claim 31 (canceled).

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The method of claim 2, wherein repeatedly broadcasting the group (or subsequent group) of programmes comprises broadcasting the programmes in the group one after the other.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the interactive content is included in the display of the audiovisual data by overlaying it on the displayed audiovisual data.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the displayed interactive content is varied in response to further codes included in the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the codes are transmitted a Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) of the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the codes are transmitted in a page of TeletextTM.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the codes are transmitted in TeletextTM page 7AA.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn): The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the transmitter repeatedly broadcasts the programmes in the group (or subsequent group) one after the other.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the receiver includes the interactive content in the display of the audiovisual data by overlaying it on the displayed audiovisual data.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the decoder varies the displayed interactive content in response to further codes in the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the encoder includes the codes in a Vertical Blanking Interval (VBI) or the audiovisual data stream.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the encoder includes the codes in a page of TeletextTM.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the encoder includes the codes in TeletextTM page 7AA.